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Cricket.

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These two teams met in an interesting
match on Wednesday and good scoring was
the order of the day. The scores were:-

Capt. Garnett, b Houghton	28
Cpl. Russell, run out, b Houghton	2
Gr. Nash, b Laxman	8
Lt. Bagnell, b Houghton	35
Capt. Houghton, c and b Houghton	0
Gr. Fitzgerald, b Houghton	1
C. M. S. Owen, c Sullivan, b Laxman	21
Lt. Thompson, not out	41
Capt. Dwyer, c and b Houghton	13
Gr. Fuller, c and b Laxman	12
Gr. Swanton, c and b Sullivan	12
Extras	18
Total	205

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lt. Houghton	18	4	60	6
Laxman	14	3	26	3
Chitty	7	0	25	0
Sullivan	3	1	21	1
Khan	2	0	19	0
Powell	1	0	10	0

105TH MAHARAJA.

Lt. Wauyer, b Fitzgerald	5
S. Sullivan, st. Swanton, b Fitzgerald	18
Lt. Houghton, st. Swanton, b Russell	08
Laxman, b Bagnell	0
Major Chitty, b Bagnell	9
Lt. Balderson, c Dwyer, b Russell	26
Jaffar Khan, run out	1
Rajhunnath, c Owen, b Garnett	3
Lt. Powell, b Bagnell	12
Bhagjur, b Bagnell	0
Marnoti, not out	0
Extras	20
Total	160

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bagnell	18	3	28	4
Fitzgerald	11	1	54	2
Fuller	2	0	13	0
Garnett	8	3	16	1
Russell	5	0	19	3

Yachting.

The Hongkong Corinthian Yacht Club
are to hold their opening cruise to Li
Chi-ko on Sunday. A lunch for members
and friends leaves Blako Pier at 11 a.m.
sharp. Tickets may be obtained on applica-
tion to the hon. secretary, Mr Lewis Guy.

Rifle Shooting.

A rifle shooting match recently took place
at Hongkong between H. M. S. Thistle and the
Hankow British Rifle Association at the
Morris Tube range on board the gunboat.
The conditions were 10 shots and 1 sighter
at targets representing 200 and 500 yards.
The competition was keenly contested, the
sailors winning by 29 points. It is worthy
of note that the score of Private Beddis at
the 200 yards was only one shot off the
possible; the following are the scores:-

Pte. Beddis	49	40	89
P. O. Duckham	32	46	78
Mr Whitting	35	40	75
P. O. Tucker	36	37	73
Serge. Hughes	31	41	72
Mr White	30	39	69
Total	213	243	456

H. M. S. A.

Mr Palmer	38	47	85
Dickson	34	37	71
Smith	28	45	73
Smith	25	38	63
Pete-Hunt	29	35	64
Symonds	23	31	54
Moss	34	31	65
Total	212	234	446

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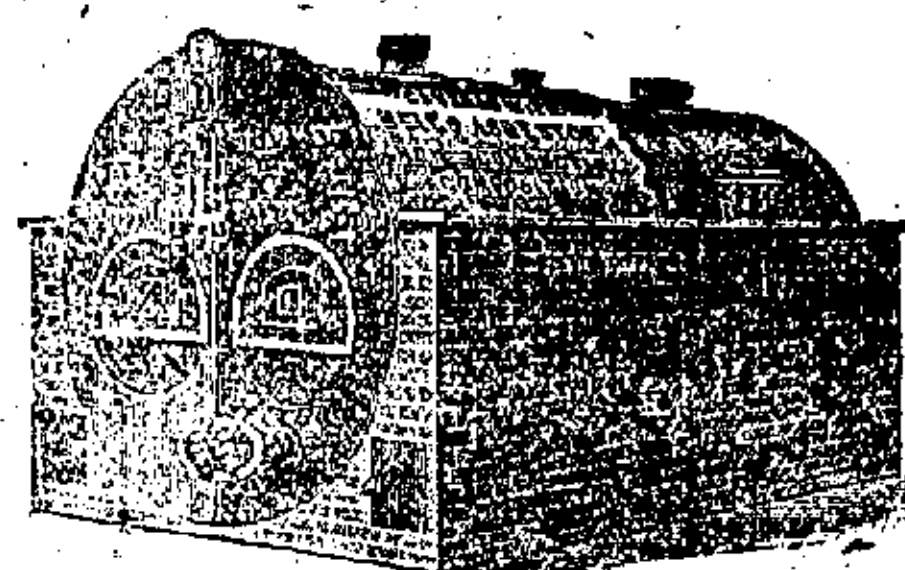
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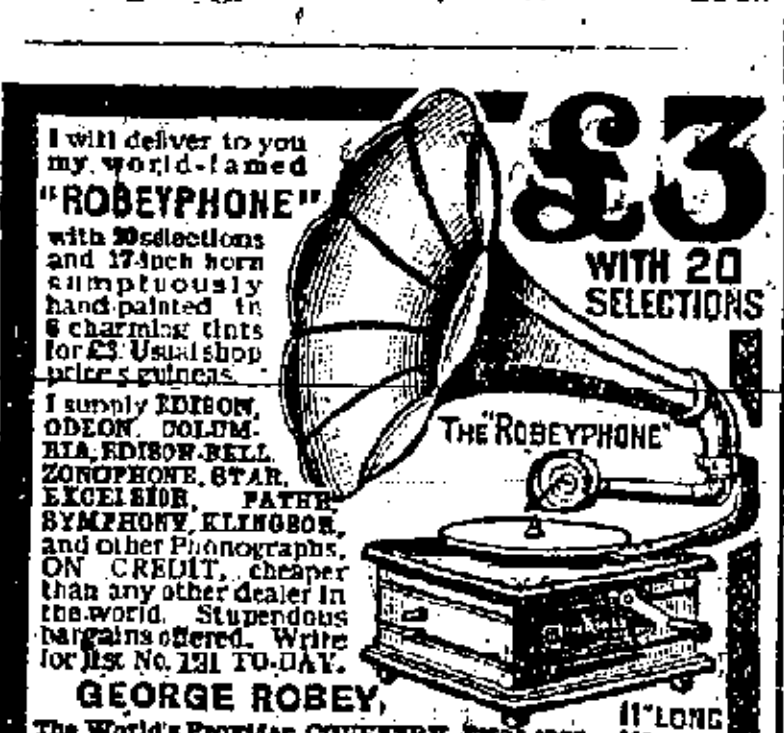
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popular imagination. Such ingenious
contrivances as the moving picture of
"Woodstock," the sliding panel of
"Peveril of the Peak," and Father Holbe's
den at Castlewood in "Esmont" have
long been among the "properties" of the
romantic novelist. The contrivances are not
mere figments of imagination. They are to
be found to this day in old castles and
mansions. Bulwer Lytton declares that
the romantic tone of his works was greatly
due to their having been written at his
ancestral home, Knebworth, in Hert-
fordshire. "How could I help writing ro-
mances," he says, "after living amongst
the secret passages and hiding-places of our
dear old home? How often have I trembled
with fear at the sound of my own foot-
steps when I ventured into the picture
gallery! How fearfully have I glanced at
the faces of my ancestors as I peered into
the shadowy abysses of the 'secret
chamber.' It was years before I would
venture inside without my hair literally
bristling with terror." Glamis Castle, in
Forfarshire, the seat of the Bowes-Lyon
family, with its grim traditions of a pool
containing proofs of a terrible secret
revealed only generation by generation to
the next heir, and of another cham-
ber in which, so it is said, fugitive Mac-
donalds from the massacre of Glencoe were
given a feast and then bricked up to die,
made a deep impression on Sir Walter
Scott. He once slept a night at the castle,
and speaks of the "wild and straggling
arrangement of the accommodation within
doors." "I was conducted," he says, "to
my apartment in a distant corner of the
building. I must own, as I heard door after
door shut after my conductor had retired,
I began to consider myself too far from
the living and somewhat too near the dead
—in a word, I experienced sensations which,
though not remarkable either for 'timidity
or superstition, did not fail to affect me to
the point of being disagreeable."

The general reader, no less than the
antiquarian, finds a keen interest in the
exploration of gloomy cells, secret passages,
and strange lairs once haunted by buried
princes, priests, cavaliers and rebels. He
is thus led to probe the very groundwork
of historical romance and enabled to follow
in imagination the vicissitudes of men who
suffered for their religious faith or their
political principles. So great is the fasci-
nation of the subject that it is not surprising
to see within a comparatively short time a
third and revised edition of Mr. Allan Fea's
"Secret Chambers and Hiding Places." With
considerable industry Mr. Fea has
collected descriptions from old books and
from existing buildings. He has brought
the pictures into touch with life by
briefly telling the stories of those who used
the hiding places, and he furnishes a num-
ber of illustrations which help to an under-
standing of the weird device of old time
builders. Among the secret chambers of
English houses the most persistent type is
the so-called "priest's hole." It dates as
early as the time of Queen Elizabeth, and
her successor James I. In those days it
was a penal offence to celebrate "Mass,"
and priests of the "old religion" had to dis-
guise in hidden places. They were, too,
outlaws, and not infrequently they were en-
gaged in desperate treason against the Es-
tablishment of the realm. Most of the
hiding places for priests were, it
appears, invented and constructed by the
result Nicholas Owen. He was a servant
of Edward Garnet, provincial of the order,
who was executed for alleged association
with the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

Owen devoted most of his life to build-
ing safe "retreats" in the principal Roman
Catholic houses all over England. An
authority says of him: "With incompar-
able skill he knew how to conduct priests to
a place of safety along subterranean pas-
sages, to hide them between walls, and bury
them in impenetrable recesses, and to en-
gauge them in labyrinthine with a thousand
windings. But what was much more diffi-
cult of accomplishment, he so disguised the
entrances to these as to make them most
unlikely what they really were. Moreover,
he kept a close place so close a secret, with
himself that he would never disclose to
another the place of concealment of any
Catholic. He alone was both their architect
and their builder, working at them with
unfailing industry and labour, for
generally the thickest walls had to be
broken into and large stones excavated,
requiring stronger arms than were attached
to a body so diminutive as to give him the
nickname of 'Little John.' The great joy
of Robert Cecil, the Secretary of State,
who hoped that the captive might be
coaxed or forced into disclosing his
secrets, and that they might conse-
quently be "great booty of priests," taken
Owen, however, refused to speak, and the
Governor of the Tower reported his end
with the laconic but expressive words,
"The man is dead—killed in his hands."
A curious anecdote in the British
Museum relates how Owen Garnet, and
two others were discovered at Hindlip-hall,
Mr. Worcestershire, a mansion on which
Owen had exercised his skill, and which
was standing until the outbreak of a last
century. The document tells of the search,
and shows how the house, which belonged
to Thomas Abington, brother-in-law of
Lord Montagu, was riddled with secret
places.

In the gallery over the gate the search
party came upon "two amusing and very
artificial contrivances in the main brick
wall, so ingeniously framed, and with such
care, it cost much labour ere they could be
found." In and about the chimney were
three other hiding-places, in one of which
"two of the traitors" were close concealed.
These chimney-chambers and their entrances
were "curiously carved over rich brick,
marbled and made fast planks of wood,
and coloured black, like the other parts
of the chimney." Eleven "secret corners and
concealments" were discovered in the house,
all but two having "bookshelves, maps, stuff,
and other furniture" in them. The re-
port proceeds: "Three days had been
spent, and no man found there all this
while; but upon the fourth day, in the
turnings, from behind the wainscot in the
gallery, came forth two men of their own
voluntary accord, as being no longer able
to conceal themselves; for they confessed
that they had but one spite between them,
which was all the advantage they had
received during the time they were thus hid-
ing."

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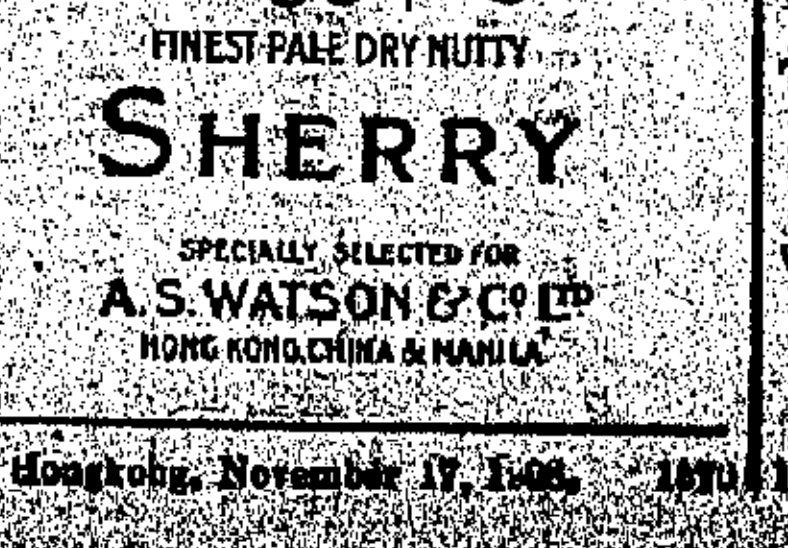
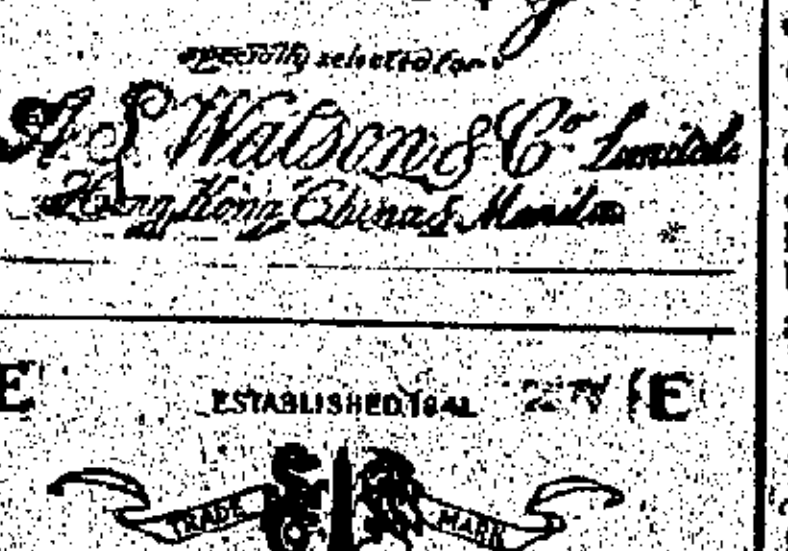
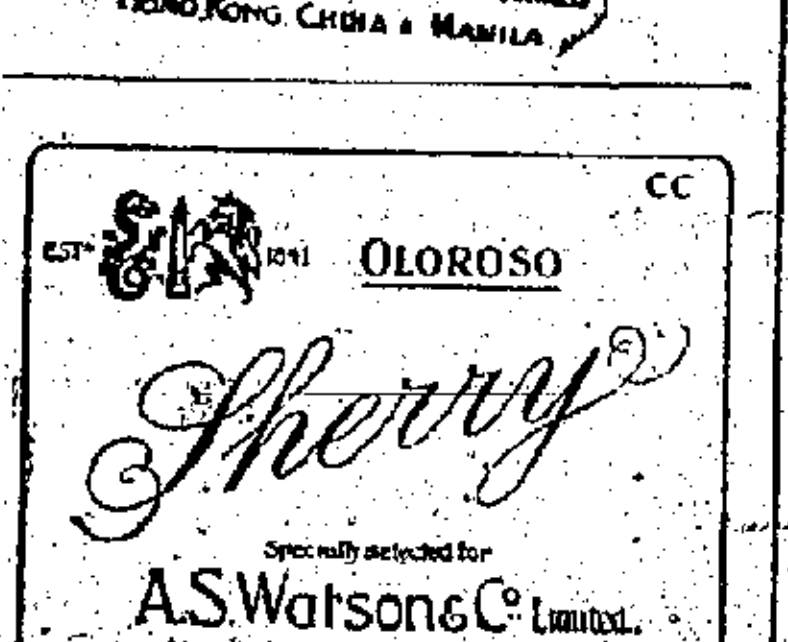
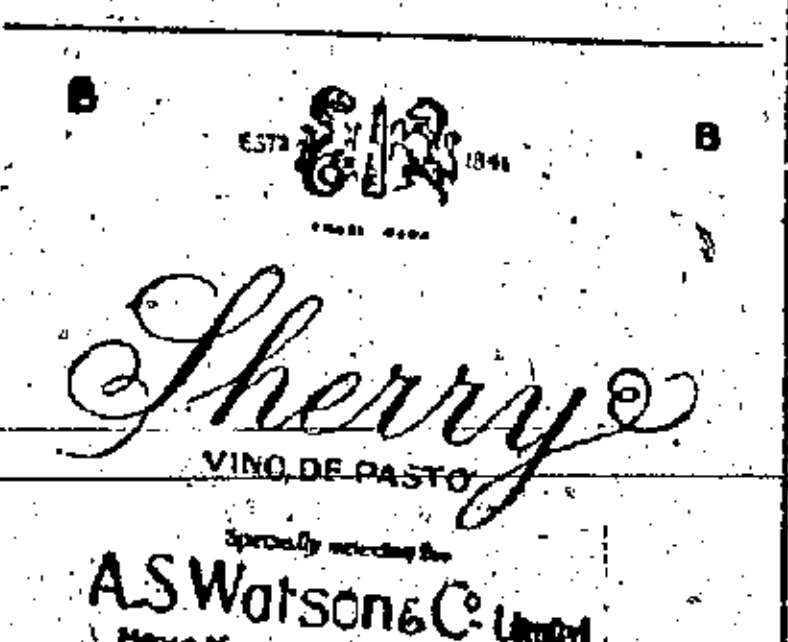
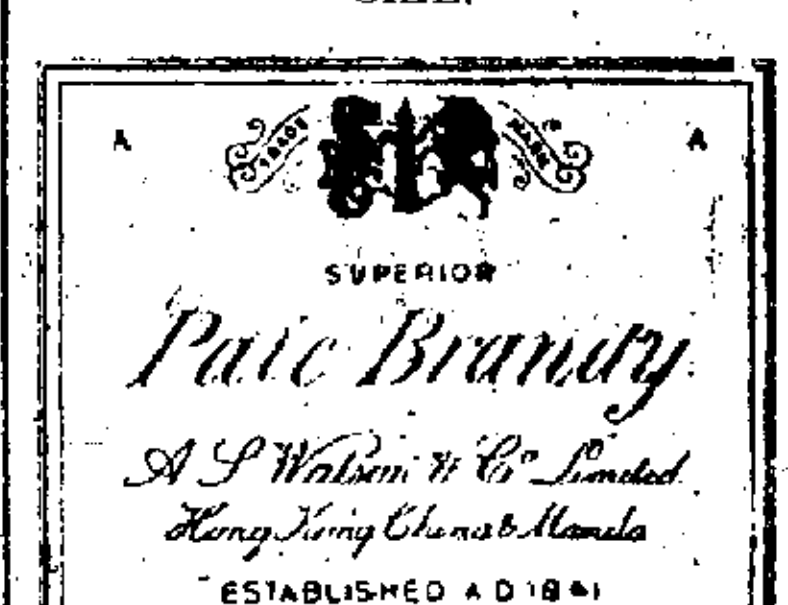
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Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	Ships.
Austro-Hungarian cruiser	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Herzberg	Shanghai
Austro-Hungarian cruiser	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	1530	—	—	Capt. Müllenberg	Amoy
French armoured cruiser	French armoured cruiser	1830	10	1700	Lieut. Bertrand	Saloon
French cruiser	French cruiser	3420	22	5100	Capt. Dolon	Hongkong
French gunboat	French gunboat	598	7	400	Commander Badin	Saloon
French river gunboat	French river gunboat	180	6	670	Lieut. Andouard	Hongkong
French cruiser	French cruiser	4210	6	6300	Comdr. Kemas	Shanghai
French gunboat	French gunboat	160	—	—	Reserve	Saloon
French gunboat	French gunboat	500	6	500	Comdr. J. Gervais	Saloon
French gunboat	French gunboat	845	10	1000	Lieut. de Linares	Shanghai
French cruiser	French cruiser	11,242	26	13,600	Capt. Thuillat	Shanghai
French gunboat	French gunboat	141	—	—	Reserve	Saloon
French sub-marine	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saloon
French destroyer	French destroyer	365	7	503	—	Saloon
French gunboat	French gunboat	—	—	—	Reserve	Hatpouen
French gunboat	French gunboat	290	6	308	Reserve	Hatpouen
French gunboat	French gunboat	500	—	—	Reserve	Saloon
French sub-marine	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Marn	Saloon
French surveying ship	French surveying ship	1625	10	9600	Comdr. Ragot de la Touche	Saloon
French destroyer	French destroyer	307	6	380	Lieut. Roche Keradrasen	Saloon
French gunboat	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. to Malsdrerand	Upper Yangtze
French gunboat	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Pasch	Saloon
French torpedo-boat	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Comdr. Mortenol	Hongkong
French sub-marine	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Morris	Saloon
French battleship (reserve)	French battleship (reserve)	9437	8	8071	Capt. Drouet	Saloon
French gunboat	French gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lieut. Seriot	Saloon
French destroyer	French destroyer	250	6	—	Reserve	Yangtze
French torpedo-depot	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Saloon
French torpedo-depot	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lieut. Bibet	Saloon
French gunboat	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Dumoulin	Saloon
French gunboat	French gunboat	475	—	—	Reserve	Saloon
German cruiser	German cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. von Hippel	Hongkong
German flag ship	German flag ship	10,390	36	14,000	Captain Wurmboch	Shanghai
German gunboat	German gunboat	990	10	1300	Comdr. Kewel	Hongkong
German gunboat	German gunboat	300	10	1300	Comdr. von Posodowsky-Wehner	Amoy
German cruiser	German cruiser	3280	—	—	Comdr. Engel	Saloon
German gunboat	German gunboat	900	10	1344	Comdr. Ediken	Saloon
German cruiser	German cruiser	2900	—	—	Capt. Langemak	Yangtze
German torpedo-boat	German torpedo-boat	400	—	—	Lieut. Jakob	Yangtze
German torpedo-boat	German torpedo-boat	280	—	—	Lieut. Haase	Yangtze
German gunboat	German gunboat	91	10	1300	Comdr. von Koss	Hongkong
German river gunboat	German river gunboat	223	8	1300	Capt. Liebt. Fortsch	Canton River
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German river gunboat	German river gunboat	—	3	500	Lieut. Rischers	Yangtze River
Italian cruiser	Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Baron de Saint Pierre	Shanghai
Portuguese gunboat	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Pedros	Macao
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U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	600	10	308	Lieut. Guy Whitlock	Hongkong
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U. S. cruiser	U. S. cruiser	13,500	—	—	Capt. S. H. Stanton	Orinole
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1710	—	—	Comdr. J. H. Sears	Shanghai
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	3000	Ensign G. V. Stewart	Cavite
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U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1209	—	—	Lieut. B. W. Todd	Olongapo
U. S. cruiser	U. S. cruiser	13,500	—	—	Comdr. Nelson	Shanghai
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U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	347	3	500	Lieut. B. M. Fawell	Manila
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. A. Andrews	Hongkong
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOV. 19, 1908.

A CONFUCIAN APOLOGIST FOR

CHRISTIANITY.

We recently referred to some articles

which have appeared in a Hongkong

vernacular newspaper in which Con-

fucianism and Christianity were dis-

cussed and compared. The aim of the

author was manifestly to prevent ardent

and determined adherents, or worship-

pers, of the Sage of China from wasting

their dollars in building a temple in

Hongkong to be dedicated to his name

and fame. As far as we can gather the

drift of the writer's meaning he seeks

to prove that Confucius was not in any

sense Godlike, and is, therefore, not

worthy of being worshipped as such.

On the other hand he is undoubtedly

the greatest of all the Sages of China,

and worthy to be followed in all his

teachings which bear on moral duty or

on life in general. Further, the essayist

seems to think that there is no essential

antagonism between the teachings of the

Sage of China and the teachings of Jesus

of Nazareth, and this point he labours

with considerable force and at some

length. To this part of his argument

two references may be made. He insists

that were both these great teachers in

the world to-day they would not be

enemies but friends. They would learn

of each other and would supplement

each other. Then further, there is a

close affinity in much of their teachings,

and quotations are made from the

writings of Confucius to prove that they

are in harmony with what fell from the

lips of the Teacher of Galilee. It is,

however, when we come to the writer's

handling of the miracles of Jesus that

interest is more keenly aroused. The

Chinese journalist tries to explain a few

of them by drawing attention to some

facts of modern life. For example; taking

the miracles of healing, he at once launches

out upon the wide sea of hypnotism, and

shows that men have done much in these

latter days by exercising will-power over

those who can be influenced by stronger minds.

He quotes examples of well attested cases

of those who have been cured of illnesses

by means of hypnotism and he seems to

assume that if one well-attested case is

stated the whole contention is proved.

Meanwhile, he avers that there is an ab-

solute need for those who are acted upon

to have absolute faith in the hypnotizer,

and this, he contends, is what the people

had who came in contact with Jesus of

Nazareth. Consequently, Jesus was

able to exert over the sick a wonder-

ful power, which he exercised for the

benefit of their bodies as much as for

their minds. Meanwhile, the writer

admits that his way of explaining the

miracles of Jesus would not be accepted

by many an average Christian. On the

other hand, he affirms that something

like this must be shown to have been

done in order to enlist the acceptance

of the Christian doctrine by the

thinking section of the people of China.

They will never, as things go to-day,

receive the bare statement that the

miracles were wrought, without some

reasonable explanation of the way in

which they were accomplished, and, if

the expounder thereof can fall back

upon the assistance of modern science,

it is believed that there would be a far

wider acceptance of the truth of these

wonderful achievements than has been

possible up to the present. Then we

come to the question of feeding the five

thousand with five barley loaves and

two fishes. The writer points out that

we need not be very much frightened at

this statement. Very often in life

to-day when men are moved to anger,

or mental excitement they forget to take

food at all, yet believe that they have

done so. When their minds are bent

upon the achievement of some great

task the same result follows. In a

word, when the mind so rules the body

that the mind is in the ascendancy, the

body is not in the battle and the mind

has its own way throughout. Such

seems to be the explanation of the

miracle. It seems to be assumed that

the minds of the multitude were so

much set upon following Jesus, and

upon hearing his words, that they did

not know whether they had eaten or

not, and whether they had eaten or not

is a minor matter, for they were quite

content to listen to the teaching of the

MESSIAH and found it quite sufficient.

We fear that our contemporary's argu-

ment will not prove very convincing to

modern critics of the Bible narrative,

but that is not the point which we wish

to emphasize in drawing attention to these

articles. What is of much more interest

to many thoughtful Western residents of

China to-day is the fact that here we

have a scholar who proclaims himself a

Confucianist yet standing forth as an

COOL SEELY AND THE
TRANSVAAL.IN FAVOUR OF EXCLUDING
ASIATICS.(Reverend Service, supplied by Reader,
via Bombay.)

London, November 18.

Colonel Seely, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking at the New Reform Club, said he considered that the policy of the Transvaal in excluding Asiatics was quite right as the two races would not intermingle. All difficulties in this respect would disappear if countries like the Transvaal only admitted those people to whom citizenship could ultimately be granted.

SERVIA WITHDRAWS
GUARDS.

RESERVES DISBANDED.

(Reverend Service, supplied by Reader,
via Bombay.)

London, November 18.

Servia has withdrawn her guards from the frontier and the reserves have been disbanded.

GERMANY.

London, November 17.

The eve of the interview between the Kaiser and Prince Buelow is characterized by a feverish suspense. The newspapers, in a final warning, urge the Chancellor to insist on an unconditional surrender. The utmost pressure is being brought to bear on His Majesty, and it is stated that he went to Baden on Sunday at the request of his grandaunt the Dowager Duchess of Baden, who dwelt on the gravity of the popular feeling and urged His Majesty to retain Prince Buelow.

GERMANY—THE CHANCEL-
LOR'S INTERVIEW WITH
THE KAISER.

London, November 17.

The Kaiser and Prince Buelow have had a two-hour interview at Potsdam. It is officially announced that the Emperor listened with the gravest attention to Prince Buelow's report of the public feeling and replied that his foremost duty was to uphold the consistency of the Empire's policy. His Majesty approved of Prince Buelow's statement in the Reichstag, and assured him that he continued to have confidence in him. Stocks have jumped in Berlin.

PORTUGAL AND CHINA.

London, November 17.

The stories of troubles in China with Portugal, and the despatch of a Portuguese squadron to Macao are unfounded. The two countries are negotiating about the delimitation of Macao.

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London, November 17.

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CHINESE STUDENTS PASS.

Customs Examination.

The Yellow Dragon says that it is particularly gratifying to find that the first batch of 36 students selected by examination to enter the Customs College at Peking are fewer than fourteen are from Queen's College—thirteen appearing on this year's roll, and continuing.—The success of these boys is one of the most remarkable recommendations we have ever received, and one of which we are emphatically proud. The more the list is examined, the more reason we have to feel proud; for of the seventeen successful candidates at the Canton centre, all but three are our pupils. We are told that among the nineteen other boys from the rest of China, there are probably some old Queen's College boys. We shall be glad to hear of them when their identity is satisfactorily established. From candidates who sat at the nineteen other centres, the subjects were Chinese, English, Latin, Chinese, and explanation of extracts from the Four Books. It will be seen that the examination was long and searching. Those who came through the ordeal with flying colours, have cause to be satisfied. We heartily congratulate our boys on their signal success. (Special Collection, Reprinted.)

AN APPRECIATION OF THE
EMPEROR DOWAGER.

By a Chinese Journalist.

It is but natural that the Chinese literati should at this time pass judgment on the life and work of the famous Empress Dowager, who recently finished with the worries of Empire and passed to her well-earned rest. We have been somewhat surprised, however, at the warm appreciation poured by an editor who has hitherto been a keen opponent of the Manchu dynasty, and hardly ever missed a chance of throwing a gibe at its weaknesses or its sins. The present crisis, turned his thoughts into a different channel for it has drawn from his pen an eulogistic estimate of the late Imperial Lady. It was, he says, the late Empress Dowager who kept the avaricious eunuchs and clansmen in Peking from squabbling for power during the long years that have intervened since the death of Tung Chih. Whatever miseries have befallen China since the early eighties, they would have been much worse had not the Empress possessed such a strong will and masterful hand, that she was able to play off the Princes one against the other, and so make their strivings for power nugatory. With regard to the rumour that at the time of the coup d'état at Peking in 1898—when King Yu-wei was in the ascendant—she gave the Emperor food mixed with ground glass and kept him shut up as if he were a prisoner, it is sufficient to mention that he was the monarch whom the Empress herself selected for the throne and therefore she would not be likely to treat him in such an inhuman fashion. Indeed, as that time she protected him. When King Yu-wei was making his ill-digested changes, proposing to do away with the harem and suggesting other reforms, the conservative officials became enraged, and would have taken the Emperor's life. It was then that the Empress Dowager stepped in, and, taking the Emperor under her wing, protected him from the fury of the enraged conservatives and thus saved his life. Because of her interference, the Emperor was enabled to preserve both his life and his throne. The reports concerning the date of the death of the two rulers are very confused. If the Emperor died first there is little to be said. If however the Empress pre-deceased him, then the state of affairs in Peking must have been very confused. As soon as the Empress Dowager was dead there would naturally be a scramble for power participated in by all the ruling princes, and that King Hsi should die at this juncture is not remarkable. In any case, now that the strong hand has been removed the princes will squabble for power just as dogs squabble for a single bone. The splendid ability of the Empress has been fully shown in the remarkable ability which she manifested during the perilous times China has recently passed through. Confusion everywhere abounded, both within and without, and only the most marked ability could have saved the situation. This ability she exhibited, and she did whatever human hand and thought could possibly have accomplished. However clever the ruler, and he be ever so splendidly supported by competent ministers, there are certain things that cannot be brought about. It is always a very difficult thing to turn earth into heaven. The Empress Dowager did all that ever human mind and ingenuity could do. The exceeding great ability of the woman is seen in the way that she raised herself to the throne and kept herself seated thereon when so many hands were turned against her. Poor she was and unknown, yet she gradually worked herself up till she was more than a match for the intriguing and designing ministers with which the court at Peking is crowded. At the close of the Boxer Rebellion she showed her insight and wisdom. Out of the dire confusion she managed to bring order, so that after a while the Foreign Powers were willing to look on things as settling, and it was owing to her sagacity that the situation was saved for the Manchu dynasty. When Tuan Wang and Kong Ngai were eager to grasp power and work mischief, supported by a considerable company of followers, she managed to tackle them all, and so disposed of the conservatives that nothing dangerous remained behind to molest the quietness of the succeeding years. During all these years the Emperor Kuang Hsi was really nothing but a puppet. He did nothing, but was willing to listen to the pleasing and flattering words of those who surrounded him. These men did nothing but project schemes which came to naught. It was the Empress, behind the scenes, who prevented things from going unsatisfactorily, when as yet no one was prepared for the drastic and ill-digested changes that were proposed by King Yu-wei and those who stood by him. Indeed, King Yu-wei at that time could have accomplished nothing, inasmuch as the people were not prepared for the changes that he was suggesting to the Emperor, and if they had really been attempted, there would only have been confusion worse confounded. Indeed, an overwhelming calamity would have enveloped the Empire. So it will be readily perceived that the Empress was a woman of surpassing intelligence and ability, and was eminently suited to be a ruler of a great Empire. Now that she has passed away there is no one left behind who is able to take her place. With her has died a woman of conspicuous ability. "The tile is broken, and the ice is melted."

CHILD HELD FOR RA SOM.

Two native women were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, with retaining a boy by force in order to obtain money from his parents. Some time ago a robbery took place in the district of Sum Tak, China, when the boy was carried off. It is reported that the child is being carefully guarded at Hongkong. Mr. J. R. Wood adjourned the case.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB
PAVILION.

The hearing was resumed at the Supreme Court, this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the case in which T. Chow, as a member of the committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club was summoned for \$744 in connection with the contract for the erection of the Kowloon Cricket Club Pavilion.

Mr. Davidson, of Messrs Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. P. W. Golding appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Golding said that that case had been definitely settled two days ago but since that time plaintiff had seen his solicitor and had gone back on the arrangement made. This was the second time that had been done. The terms were that the defendant should pay \$400 and each side bear their own costs, the defendant agreeing to abandon the counter-claim. He did not wish to exist any aspirations but he fancied that there was some one in his friend's office who was continually putting plaintiff from settling.

His Lordship remarked that it was somewhat curious that the case should have come on for trial.

Mr. Golding said the plaintiff had been to Mr. Davidson's office two, three or four times.

Mr. Davidson—Of course these are all expert statements.

Mr. Golding—I am prepared to prove it. Mr. Davidson said that his client came to him with a proposal made by Mr. Hazeland for a settlement but Mr. Hazeland had no authority to settle the case. He told his client that the offer was ridiculous and that he should on no account consent to settle it. The counter claim had been filed. In the absence of the counter claim the plaintiff was entitled to judgment. Why, he asked, was the counter claim not filed?

Mr. Golding—Because we understood the case had been settled and the terms agreed to.

His Lordship—Do you raise the point that a binding agreement to settle? The plaintiff says the offer was not made without his solicitors, a foolish thing to do.

Mr. Golding—Yes, an agreement to settle.

Mr. Davidson—Mr. Hazeland went and tried to get my client to settle.

Mr. Golding—There was no quarrel between the parties until someone fostered the present state of affairs to run up costs. The first my client knew was the fact of the work. My client is quite willing to settle the case if the plaintiff will finish the work.

Mr. Davidson—I should never agree to any proposal that did not give my client his costs. I submit he is entitled to judgment.

His Lordship—Although he has not finished the work?

Mr. Davidson—My client is prepared to do the work. I object to the whole counter claim in principle.

His Lordship—I do not think you are entitled to judgement on the pleadings.

Mr. E. H. Hazeland, architect, stated that there had been no trouble between the parties until the work was finished.

Mr. Golding having explained he did not proceed with the counter claim because he thought the matter was settled, the hearing was adjourned till Wednesday.

AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Amoy, November 16.

FLORIST SHOW. The Autumn Show was held on Friday afternoon, on the Tennis Lawn and in the Masonic Hall. The exhibits were in many cases very fine, but the show as a whole was not up to the usual standard. Mr. Wallace had the largest number of awards, Mr. Kruse being second. Others who did well were Mrs. C. J. Farrow and Mr. W. Wilson. The Band of the French Cruiser "D'Entrecasteaux" played selections during the afternoon, and the music was much appreciated.

NAVAL NEWS.

Two French cruisers have been in here for some days. The D'Entrecasteaux and the Alger. The former vessel left for Hongkong on Saturday, but the Alger is still in port. Both ships have coaled here. The S.M.S. Arcana left this morning for Hongkong. She also has taken in coal.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Eighty-one steamers entered during October, 48 British, 23 Japanese, 6 Chinese and 4 Dutch. Imports include 10,128 piculs of rice, and a large quantity of piece goods of all kinds. Nearly 300 piculs of opium were imported, 61,799 piculs of flour, and 38,759 piculs of peas, and a big lot of kerosene oil, consisting of 400,000 gallons case oil, and 697,717 gallons bulk oil, also figure. This oil comes from America for the Standard Oil Co. There was also 218,139 gallons Burmah oil in bulk for the Asiatic Petroleum Co.

Exports were some 7000 piculs of Amoy sugar, and about 36,000 piculs hemp bags and sackings.

SHIPPING.

The S.S. Hung Meng has left for Swatow and Straits with some 200 odd coolies. The S.M.S. Chang Cher left yesterday afternoon for the same port with over 250 coolies at about 86 a head. Strong winds and heavy seas have been the rule lately, and steamers are late. The Haiyang did not arrive till 12 noon on Sunday from Swatow.

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REVIEWS.

The Lesser Pays, by MARY ORENBRAW.

London, T. Werner Laurie.

The stirring history of the French Revolution will ever prove a fruitful field for the historical novelist. From the days of Charles Dickens down to the present year of grace the English literary world has seldom seen a twelvemonth pass without some work or other dealing with the actions of the men and women who flourished during that troublous period. But seldom has a writer exploited the great revolution to better effect than Miss Mary Orenshaw in her latest novel, "The Lesser Pays." The hero is Rouget de Lisle, the composer of the "Marseillaise," that blood-stirring hymn which added so greatly to the flames kindled by the revolution. Coming of an ancient family Rouget was discovered by them on the authorship of the hymn of the revolution becoming known, while his little son Louis remained at the ancestral chateau under the care of his grandmother, a lady of the most aristocratic proclivities imaginable. It was bad training for a little boy about to be plunged into the very vortex of the strife in Paris. Soon after the story opens Madame de Contesse goes to what is stirring in the capital and determines to go thither to give what support she can to the tottering throne of Louis and Marie Antoinette. By strange ill-luck she arrives at the very moment when the French Republic is being proclaimed. She is ignominiously brought back to Paris after their attempt to escape across the frontier, an attempt which would have succeeded had Louis not been so fatefully inept. Thereafter the follow by the aid of the little boy's adventures the devoted ways which led the King and Queen to the scaffold; we are introduced to the Temple, the Abbaye and other prisons which the sans-culottes and their abettors turned into veritable shambles. If we have any fault to find with the telling of the tale it is that little Louis de Lisle, who is the narrator, is a little too precocious even for a French boy with a wit prematurely sharpened by the tragedies enacted hour by hour beneath his wondering eyes. But the pictures he conjures up are very real and one reads his story with breathless interest. Louis de Lisle manages to escape with his life, but most of the other people of importance in the story die or are killed before the end is reached. The villain of the book is Guibert de Vernet, cousin of Louis de Lisle, and his character is very cleverly developed. The tragedy of Rouget de Lisle, the hero of the revolutionists, he departs from the scene most tragically. But the saddest figure of all is that of Rouget de Lisle, the visionary dreamer and musician who lived to regret the day he wrote the "Marseillaise." Although this novel has been considered one of the notable novels of the year.

The Green Parrot, by BERNARD CAPES. London, Messrs George Bell and Sons.

Mr. Capes hit upon rather a unique idea when he set down to write this story. A literary genius after assaulting the citadel of the Philistines for some ten years or so, determines to give up the unequal contest and flee from the London which spurned his immaculate style and highly romantic gifts. He starts out for Southampton, but leaves the train at Winchester and in the course of a day's wanderings drops across a little boy with a green parrot who has run away from a cruel stepfather. The dishevelled man of letters takes to the lad at once and in the sequel of a joint explanation, the pair go off together to a part of the Welsh coast which the novelist turns to his own account. A titled lady, formerly a leading star of light comedy, in her lovely widowhood, had also selected this quiet spot for her retreat. But these complications arise which the novelist turns to his own account. A titled lady, formerly a leading star of light comedy, in her lovely widowhood, had also selected this quiet spot for her retreat. But these complications arise which the novelist turns to his own account.

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